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Lisbon, February 9. N. S.

THE Preparations are continued on this ſide for the enſuing Campaign, and the Marquis de Frontero is ſent for from Valentia, to ſerve under the Duke de Cadaval, to whom the King has given the chief Command of his Forces. Several Tranſports belonging to the Fleet under the Command of Sir Cloudeſly Shovell, which were put back hither by contrary Winds, ſailed out of our River this Day for the Streights. The Marquis de Montandre, who lately came from England on board an Engliſh Man of War, and has ſince had ſome Conferences with the Miniſters here, upon the Meaſures to be taken for carrying on the War the next Summer, is alſo ſailed for Valentia, to concert Matters with the Earl of Galway, and is ſhortly to return hither. By Letters from Gibraltar we have an Account, That Captain Cony, Commander of the Romney Frigat, did lately, with great Bravery, bring out of Malaga Road a French Privateer of 16 Guns, which had on board 29 Braſs Guns, lately fiſh'd up, that belonged to Monſieur Pointy's Ship the Magnanimous, which was forced aſhore and deſtroyed near Marbella about a Year ago. 4 other French Men of War, which were in her Company, being at the ſame time either taken or deſtroyed by a Squadron of Engliſh and Dutch Men of War, under the Command of Sir John Leake. This Privateer lying cloſe hawl'd to the Mole, Captain Cony went in under French Colours, and being come up very near to her, got his Boats out ready, and mann'd: In the mean time the Governor ſent aboard him, believing him French, to welcome him, and to tell him he ſuppoſed he knew not the Road, for he was in danger where he lay. The Captain having every thing prepar'd, hoiſted up his Engliſh Colours, and fired a Broadſide into the Privateer: The Guns from the Place immediately fired upon him; but he continued his Fire upon the Ship till her Crew quitted her, and then his Boats ſeized her, cut her Cables, and ſo he carried her off, with little or no Loſs, and has brought her into Gibraltar. Two other of our Frigats chaſed a French Man of War called the Content, which, without making any Defence, ran aſhore at Cape de Gatt, where the Commander and his Crew quitted and burnt her: She carried 60 Guns, and was reckoned the beſt Sailer they had. Our Men of War have taken a French Frigat of 42 Guns, called the Mercury, and brought her into Gibraltar: The French Captain and 8 of his Men were killed in the Engagement.

Heilbron, Febr. 4. The Deputies of the Circles of the Upper and Lower Rhine, Swabia and Franconia, met here the firſt Inſtant, and intend to continue their Seſſions till the 10th; by which time they hope to have finiſhed the Matters before them, concerning the Meaſures to be taken for the more ſpeedy providing their Quota of Men, Money, Artillery, Ammunition, and other Neceſſaries, towards a vigorous Proſecution of the War the next Summer. General Dopff, who lately came from the Hague, with Inſtructions from the States General to negociate with the Miniſters of the Imperial Court, and with ſeveral Princes and States of the Empire, in order to perſwade them to quicken their Preparations for the next Campaign, has been here, and having conferred with the Deputies above-mentioned, is gone forward on his Journey to Vienna.

Francfort, Febr. 6. The Diet of the Circle of the Upper Rhine, which has ſat here ſeveral Days, is adjourned for ſome time. General Gronſvelt went from hence the 4th Inſtant for Vienna, in order to be preſent at a great Council of War which is ſhortly to be held there. The French making early Preparations in Alſace, a Reinforcement of 500 Saxons marched lately to Landau, and a conſiderable quantity of Ammunition has been ſent thither from hence. Orders have alſo been given for reinforcing in like manner the Gariſon of Philipsbourg, and ſupplying the Magazines there with Proviſions and Ammunition; and the Officers belonging to thoſe two Gariſons that are here are ordered to repair forthwith to their reſpective Commands. Levies are making with all poſſible Diligence and Application for recruiting and augmenting the Troops of the neighbouring Circles, in order to bring them into the Field early in the Spring.

Cologne, Febr. 8. The Count de Rechteren, Governor of Traerbach, is lately gone from thence to the Hague, to receive his Powers and Inſtructions from the States General, who have appointed him to negociate ſome Matters at the Court of Vienna, and with ſeveral Princes of the Empire, which relate to a vigorous carrying on of the War the next Campaign. They write from Traerbach, That a ſtrong Detachment of that Gariſon was marched from thence upon ſome Expedition towards Metz and Verdun.

Falmouth, Feb. 3. Yeſterday was forced in here by contrary Winds the Young Katherine, a Dutch Tranſport. This Day ſailed to cruiſe the Young Samuel, a Privateer of Fluſhing; as did likewiſe the Prince Packet-Boat, Captain Chanhall Commander, for Lisbon; and two Dutch Doggers bound for Bourdeaux.

Plimouth, Febr. 4. This Day ſailed hence Her Majeſty's Ships the Suffolk and Briſtol, and two Dutch Men of War, and under their Convoy about 50 Sail of Merchant Ships, ſome bound for London, and the reſt for Holland.

Briſtol, Febr. 5. This Day came in here the Dragon, George Hart Commander, from Zant; as did alſo 4 Virginia Merchant-men from Milford.

Yarmouth, Febr. 5. Yeſterday ſailed out of our Road Her Majeſty's Ship the Dunwich, and under her Convoy divers laden Colliers and Coaſters, bound to the Southward.

Deale, Febr. 7. The 2d Inſtant at Night 23 French Men came out of Calais in an Engliſh Fiſhing Smack they had taken, and the 4th in the Morning came to an Anchor in the Downes, between Walmar Caſtle and King's Downe, with intent to carry off at Night one or two of our Ships that lay in the Downes, as they ſhould find an Opportunity; but being diſcovered by a Fiſhing Boat belonging to King's-Downe, which gave Notice to Walmar Caſtle, the Caſtle fired upon them; whereupon they ſlipt their Anchor: But the firing having alarmed the Men of War in the Downes, they manned out their Boats and Pinnaces to take

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